



Weekly News

Village Minutes

To view the most recent village board meeting minutes, please go to <http://www.tremontil.com/tremont-board-of-trustees.php>

Did you know...?

Tremont's 125 Year Jubilee June 2-3-4-5, 1960

"Nobody turns and stares at the bearded men in Tremont these days, and there are many of them," reported the March 16, 1960, *Pekin Times*, "The reason is that Tremont is turning back the clock 125 years in observance of the 125th anniversary Jubilee." The big event was sponsored by Tremont Jaycees and chaired by the Jaycees President, Ed Behrends.

The Jaycees, a now-defunct group in Tremont, brought a lot of enthusiasm as they did a lot of good for our town before they disbanded years later. Their thought for the Jubilee was to turn Tremont into a replica of 1835 Tremont. They had big plans.

Male residents were asked not to shave after March 1st of 1960, though if needed, shaving permits were available for \$3.00. The profits were used for prizes for several categories, such as the longest handlebar mustache, the longest beard, and the neatest goatee. And the women were not excluded. For the celebration days, they wore long dresses and skirts, as well as bonnets, as did many children and even babies.

\$125.00 worth of wooden nickels were put into circulation by the Jaycees. These were given as change by local merchants prior to the big day. At the Jubilee, concession stands and other stands accepted the "money" as currency, or people kept them as souvenirs of the Jubilee. (The first wooden "nickel" or tokens, appeared in 1934 as an advertisement/souvenir for a fair in Birmingham, New York. The gimmick became very popular for events.)

Just as with the Centennial Celebration in 1935, store windows featured displays of items from the first Tremont area settlers. According to Mrs. Frank Roosa, a Tremont store owner who wrote for a local newspaper, "These items fascinated the younger folks and served as a trip down memory lane for the oldsters. The older folks in the village recounted the history of Tremont, which began in 1820 when the first settler arrived in the vicinity."

First on the program for the celebration was a grandstand show in the southeast corner of the park, which concluded on a high note with a Queen's Contest. Miss Jackie Lohnes was presented with a crown, a \$25.00 bond, and a congratulatory kiss by Tremont Village President Marvin Lutz. She would be queen of the Jubilee Celebration and also serve as Miss Tremont.

Then the four days of festivities began in earnest. One poster for the celebration enthused, "Carnival! Contests! Parade! Displays! Every Day Free Grandstand Variety Shows, Congressman (Robert) Michel, Go-Cart Races (at the new Tremont Raceway), Central Illinois Pony Show, Two Bands Every Night, Square Dance, Round Dance, Rock n' Roll Parties, Horseshoe Contests, Chicken Bar-B-Q...Local TV and Radio Personalities..."

The event was a success, and all involved wondered what the 200th anniversary of Tremont (in 2035) would be like. *The Tazewell County News* of June 9, 1960 predicted, "It's a cinch the present generation

couldn't do it then, for few of them would be rested enough from the one just completed to try it again so soon!"

~Tremont Museum and Historical Society



The Winners -- And Beard Growing Champs

Left-Right: Bill Carius, Jr., John Funk, Arthur Bailey, Jerry Koch, Carl L. Endress



Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUEST FOR VARIANCE UNDER THE VILLAGE OF TREMONT ZONING ORDINANCE

The Village of Tremont Zoning Board will hold a public hearing on **August 26, 2021** at 7:00 PM at the Tremont Village Hall, 211 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois, concerning a requested variance from the regulations of the Village's Zoning Ordinance. The variance would allow the construction of a parking area with a surface other than an asphaltic or concrete surface as required by Section 1205.8 of the Village of Tremont Zoning Ordinance on the property commonly known as 235 S. Sampson St., Tremont, Illinois (PIN 12-12-18-331-014).

By order of the Zoning Board of the Village of Tremont, Tazewell County, Illinois.

Early Childhood Screening

Tremont School District #702 will be holding an Early Childhood Screening on Thursday, August 26, 2021. Please see the [attached flyer](#) with additional information.

To make an appointment, call Lisa Miller at 309-925-2051 Ext 1016.

Tremont Library

Story Hour at the Library

Thursdays: August 12th, August 26th, September 9th, September 23rd, October 14th, October 28th, November 11th, December 9th, December 23rd

Story Hour at the library is back and there is a brand-new schedule! This fall, we'll be hosting Story Hour in the meeting room on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. No registration is required, so join us whichever days you'd like!

Story Hour is perfect for ages 3-6. Miss Maddie reads stories, sings songs and rhymes, and does activities that all encourage early literacy and improves socialization skills in the youngest of library patrons. We know a group setting is new for lots of kiddos this age, so wiggles are welcome! Make Story Hour a step you take in preparing your child for life-long learning.

Any questions? Call 925-5432, or email Miss Lizzi at tremontlibrary.childrens@gmail.com

World Book Encyclopedia -- Free with your Library Card

Looking for lesson plans for homeschooling, to prevent summer slide, or both? Check out World Book's lesson plans! To access World Book, use your Tremont library card to login from home. <http://tremontlibrary.com/children-2/>

Saturday

Farmers Market - 9:00AM-12:00PM
City Park

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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